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School spirit comes alive once again

by Melissa Mahoney

What are you, the students of Avila College, doing Oct. 4, 5 and 6? Well, if you have plans, cancel them. If not, plan to make some. Homecoming, the school's colossal event, is making its way to Avila College.

It is a time when old and new Avila faculty and students come "home" for eighty years of tradition, providing a weekend full of fun filled festivities that seem to get better and better as time progresses.

"The school has put a lot of time and effort in this year's Homecoming; and hopefully the feedback we receive will be positive," coordinator Jim Branson said.

"Ever since I can remember, Homecoming has been one of my favorite events of the year. There is always so much to do and everyone gets involved for a change," sophomore Michaela Werp said.

Here is a list of the activities that will be held during Homecoming weekend:

- ✓ The Women's Alumni and Family Volleyball Game will be held in Mabee Fieldhouse at 7 pm on Friday and will provide some "slamming" action.
- ✓ There will be an Art Show Friday 7-9 pm,

presented by Avila's own art instructor, Lisa Ann Sugimoto. The show will be located in the Thornhill Art Museum. Additionally, there will be a reception following the presentation.

- ✓ The Homecoming Dance of 1996 will be



Homecoming time is always a time to celebrate

photo by Jenny Lujin

held at Felio Towers on the Plaza starting at 8 pm and ending at midnight. Directions are available around campus.

"I am really looking forward to this year's dance because the Plaza is located so

that if I get tired of dancing, I can go and walk around or take a romantic carriage ride, if I am lucky," sophomore Andrea O'Rear said.

All students are welcome to attend with or without a date. Dress is casual and the main thing to remember is to go out and just have fun. The dance is free.

- ✓ The Theater Program is presenting a dinner theater which will be followed by the play Rumors, by Neil Simon, both Oct. 4 and 5. Tickets are \$20 and will be located in the box office of Goppert Theater.

✓ A Courtyard Carnival and the Festival of the Countries will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, which will unite all of the countries that have gathered here at Avila. This event will be held in the Avila Quad.

- ✓ The men's alumni soccer game starts at noon with the Avila College men playing host to York College at 2 pm, and the women following at 4 pm against William Jewell.

✓ And finally, Sunday there will be an all school Homecoming mass celebrated by Father Daniel Torson. All faiths are welcome. The Alumni of the Year Award Ceremony will precede the mass.

O'Reilly home to more Macs

by Kerry Metzger

Well, rev my hard drive! The Macintosh and Personal Computer (PC) labs on the Avila campus have been updated. When you head down to O'Reilly Hall to type that first paper you will find 11 new Power Macintosh 7600's equipped with 16MB RAM, running at 120 MHz, with 1.2 GIG hard drive, and CD-ROMs. Translated, that means that the new Macs are faster, have more memory, and are more efficient than the previous 1990 systems.

The new Mac Quad Speed CD ROMs have an extra advantage beyond new program capabilities. Students can now bring music CDs to listen to while they work on projects, provided they bring a set of earphones.

Since early August, the old Macintosh computers have had new homes on the Avila campus. Students have access to these computers at the

library, Hodes Education Center, and the shared lab in O'Reilly (room 105.)

The neighboring IBM PC lab has also received a makeover. The older models have been increased to 8MB RAM and to 100 MHz. This should have all programs running faster with fewer system lock-ups.

"It was really time to update the systems," said Pat Kopp, area coordinator of computer science. "It's amazing how fast systems get out of date."

Students are encouraged to check out the new Avila Technology in O'Reilly Hall. The labs are open when computer classes are not in session, Monday-Thursday 8 am -9:45 pm, Friday 8 am-4:45 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am-5:00 pm (depending on the weekend class schedule).

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Briefly Speaking...

by Laura Harris

Prospective Employees!!

The 11th Annual Greater Kansas City Employer Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 am to 3 pm at UMKC in the Sweeney Recreation Center. This is the largest employer fair in the Kansas City area, and it is co-sponsored by 11 colleges and universities, including Avila. There will be about 125 employers there to discuss part or full time employment as well as internships. This event is not limited to seniors, plus it is free to Avila students. Stop by the Student Resource Center for brochures with more information as well as how to prepare.

Job Opening

St. Thomas More Grade School is looking for teachers aides for all grade levels. There are a large number of openings, and the hours are extremely flexible. This is a great opportunity that is within walking distance of Avila. If interested, call Brigid Flanagan at 942-5581.

All Aspiring Poets:

There is a national college poetry contest open to all college and university students wanting their works anthologized. The top five poems receive cash prizes. Deadline is Oct. 31. For rules, send a SASE to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

Like the Water?

Want to take a float trip? Oct. 11, 12, and 13 a group of adventurous souls are going to the Gasconade River for a float trip. Talk about great timing, there are no classes Oct. 14 so it is a great time to rest up. If interested contact Shane Carney at 765-2152 or Adina Soloman at 264-8554.

Donuts and Cartoons

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity are meeting in the fourth floor lounge of Ridgway Hall Sept. 28 at 8 am to watch cartoons and munch on donuts. All students are welcome. Be sure to wear your fuzzy slippers.

Congratulations to New Members

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority wishes to congratulate its new pledges. These four ladies are Amy Nelson, Peggy Newport, Grace Dunn, and Jennifer Hillis. Congratulations and best wishes.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry would like to announce the times of the celebrations:

- Eucharist Services Tuesdays at noon.
- All-Faith Prayer Service Wednesdays at noon.
- Eucharist Services Thursdays at noon.
- Eucharist Services Fridays at noon.
- Sunday Eucharist Sundays at 11 am.
- All-Faith Bible Study Tuesdays at 9 pm.

Making The Grade; Spring 1996

compiled by Jennifer Romero

DEAN'S LIST

Nancy Aguirre
Melissa Albright
Rebecca Alicea
Ryan Allenbrand
Karen Anderson
Kristin Anderson
Robert Anderson
Tracy Anderson
Angela Arelllo
Angela Asta
Sherry Babcock
Debra Badder
Ashlynn Barnes
Stacy Bell
Michael Bellach
Sabrina Bennett
Frances Betzen
Tracy Bishop
Matthew Bolch
Melissa Borgos
Kelly Bossler
Allan Brown
Letitia Cain-Allen
Stephen Campbell
Dena Campbell
Ellen Carmody
Shane Carney
Taya Casey
Stacey Casey
Linda Centifanto
Joleena Chaffin
Joanne Chatfield
Jamie Christoffersen
Michael Claypool
Kevin Clinton
Julie Coffey
John Coleman
Timothy Coleman
Leslie Cook
Melinda Corder
Beth Crawford
Carolyn Cronan
Christina Czarev
Debra Danley
Lakesha Davis
Nikki Davison
Amber Decker
Loretta Duran-Cassells

Anna Eager
Sara Easson
Rebecca Eckart
Seth Eckelman
Katherine Egan
Sarah Ellerman
Julie Ellis
Daniel Farrell
Anthony Fasl
Michael Feiereisel
Diane Feuerborn
Christine Finegan
Angela Fisher
Robert Fortin
Shandra Foster
Sabrina Gay
Colleen Gillespie
Dale Gilner
April-Dawn Gladu
Lawrence Graham
Jennifer Gray
Eric Greble
Elizabeth Hachegechog
Virginia Harmer
Kyli Harmon
Christopher Harmon
Laura Harris
Monica Haugsness
Pamela Havens
Stacy Heard
Mary Heft
Ann Hemmerling
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Si-Fou Hsieh
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Stephanie Hudson
Tara Huffman
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Matthew Kamphoefne
Yuko Kawate
Lisabet Kennedy

Renee Kitch
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Julie Klutsarits
Katherine Koettker
Rebecca Koettker
Brad Koper
Michael Kruse
Michele Lahey
Garrett Lahey
Paulette Limback
Tammy Lininger
Annie Livingston
Heather MacKenzie
Julie MacNaughton
Renee Maderak
Melissa Mahoney
George Mallon
Christine Manley
Melissa Manning
Bonnie Maring
Blane Markley
Shana Marsh
George Martin Jr.
Diana Martinez
Melissa Matlon
April McBee
Virigina McCarty
Jennifer McCowen
Steven McCullough
William McDonald
Joan McFarland
Michael McIlwain
Karen McKarnin
Della McLane
Tera McLaughlin
Andrei Metelski
Kerry Metzger
Shonette Micco
Elizabeth Miles
Carla Miller
Christina Monaco
Brenda Moore
Marie Moore
Michelle Mulloy
Martha Neal
Deana Neal
Andrea Nichols
Jennifer Norman

Mary O'Connor
Gregory Oelrichs
Andrea Orear
Tracy Orf
Elesyia Outlaw
Gina Orndorff
Paula Pace
Gregory Parish
Christie Pennington
Nicholas Petelin
Mary Pfeifauf
Phillip Pileggi
Susan Pilger
Sayra Player
Hetti Pous
Kristina Pruitt
Julianne Raupp
Rouslan Rechetnikov
Cathleen Reitz
Misty Reser
Stacey Reynolds
Lee Rickard
Jennifer Rindom
Maureen Rittenhouse
Vicki Roberts
Michelle Rogers
Melissa Rogers
Jill Rouchka
James Rowlett
Lisa Ruffini
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Sean Russell
Rosemary Sanoski
Charles Sauro
Autumn Sawyer
Brian Scanlon
Deborah Schmidt
Kelly Schnepf
Lisa Schnick
Amy Schwab
Michelle Shassberger
Alba Sierra-Perez
Gurbhushan Singh
Joseph Sipe
Sheryl Slezak
Tracy Sloger
Judith Smith
Steven Smith

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Lisa Sowell
Anjanette Spies
Megan Spohrer
Catherine Spurck
Andrew Steen
Kimberly Steppe
Sandy Stone
Terri Stubblefield
Jerrod Sumner
Deidra Swoope
Dana Tarantino
Paula Tau
Jason Tavernaro
Catina Taylor
Kimberle Thompson
Rachel Thompson
Heather Tonovitz
Gloria Trusler
Julie Turner
Kelly Turner
May Vang
Diane Venton
Brian Vervynck
Mary VonBohland
Kathleen Wadman
Kathleen Wagner
Mary Wagner
William Walkington
Kelly Wallace
Rebecca Wassmer
Shawna Wayman
Michaela Werp
Heather Whiteside
Krista Wilborn
Nicole Williams
Heather Wilson
Julie Woulfe
Shirley Wright
Cynthia Wulff
Crystal Yordy
Shari Zinn

HONOR ROLL

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Jennifer Allen
D. Allinson
Shelly Altman
Sharon Anderson
Sara Anderson
Terri Ashley
Crystal Ashley
Lynn Atchison
J'Neil Bailey
Patricia Barnes
Kathy Bartles
Eden Barton
Molly Bauman
Ann Beaven
Dorothy Bellanti
Sindy Benson
Rhonda Bishop
Kimberly Blakesley
Elaine Borchers
Jeffrey Bourn
Robin Britton
Mona Bush
Amy Cameron
Carolyn Cameron
Kay Chamberlin
Robert Clark
Shannon Coffman
Cora Collins
Jackie Collins
Susan Cox
Stephanie Cucar

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Rochelle Davidson
Shawn Davies
Donette Dennis
Justine Dodge
Patrick Downton
Jennifer Ducey
Bridget Dunn
Evelyn Dyr
Krista Eckhoff
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Lisa Ezeamii
Lori Fischer
Linda Franko
Cynthia Freeman
Sandra Freidhof
Melyssa Gautreaux
Pam Gladish
Paula Goth
Candis Gray
Eric Gray
Cheri Green
Patricia Greenstreet
Rita Griffith
Sandra Hall
Deborah Hames
Debra Harper
Ronnie Higgins
Talita Hill
Robert Hill
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Chung-Chi Huo
Anita Huston
Michael Iseman
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Angela Jones
Lori Kays
Benjamin Kimminau
Stacy Koelling
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Kyong Kong
Vicky Kreutzer
Kerrie Lalumondier
Elaine Lane
Marilyn Lee
Carl Lee
Darrel Lewis
Shannon Lilly
Jason Love
Mary Lucas
Cynthia Luchtefeld
Kevin Lujin
Christie Makar
Jerilyn Mammen
Constance Mann
Sherie Marchant
Kerry Marlatt
Becky Marusich
Jennifer McBrayer
Lyne McBride
Stephan McClendon

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Molly McNamara
Mark Miller
Heather Mitchell
Cheryl Moon
Lynn Morehead
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April Prater
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Wendy Rice
Gwendolyn Roche
Carolyn Rohde
Courtney Ross
Janet Rynard
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Heather Scanlon
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Katherine Schilling
Darline Schroeder
Teresa Scobee
Sherri Searles
Debra Seigler

Robert Sherrick
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Jessamyn Smith
Scott Smith
Yvette Smith
Julie Smith
Lauren Streisand
Douglas Sumey
Maria Swindell
Jonathan Tabiendo
Theresa Talley
Jim Tischer
Mario Torres
Gail Trudeau
Michelle Tumberger
Kimberly Wade
Whitney Walters
Mary Weeks
Theresa West
Alisha Westerfield
Andrea Wheeler
Kristin Wiedner
Dovey Woodson
Deborah Wright
Gary Yount
Barbara Zima
Cynthia Zornes

Carol Frevert: the Florence Nightingale of Avila College

by Sheri Porter

I am waiting in a treatment room that looks like an Osco Drug store. Crutches hang on the wall in pairs, two wheel chairs sit folded and waiting, and shelves stuffed with medical supplies, from aspirin to gauze pads, stare at me.

What a busy place; the phone buzzes constantly and voices echo down the hall. A woman in a flowing, flowery dress pops her head in and apologizes for the delay. Someone needs help, and Carol Frevert, R.N., answers the call.

Carol Frevert serves as Avila's Director of Health and Child Services, keeping watch over the campus since 1981. That adds up to 15 years of dedicated service; service that requires changing hats at a moment's notice. Frevert splits her time between Health Care Services for the college community and administration of the Montessori School and Child Care Center.

She works with the Athletic Department on physicals and insurance, conducts educational programs and serves as a consultant to anyone needing information about health related matters. She even provides regular blood pressure checks for several of the Sisters. Her passion lies in teaching people how to be good health consumers.

For a few moments the pace slows, and she relaxes at her desk. "I feel like I'm in the hub of a wheel," she says. "I direct people."

This woman loves the variety

and pace of her job; a job she practically fell into 15 years ago.

As a 1971 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, with a bachelor's degree in Nursing, Frevert was not looking for a nursing position that morning as she scanned the ad section of the newspaper.

The mother of four young children, she set up an interview on a whim in mid-August 1981, and jumped into the fray a few weeks later.

The position was part-time then, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Every morning, Frevert loaded up her 3-year-old triplets and brought them with her to the Avila Montessori School. Two of the triplets, Keith and Kevin, came back home to Avila this fall as freshmen.

Frevert's office lies deep in the tunnel, Office 713, below Carondelet Hall. There are no windows. "Sometimes," she says, "I don't know until noon what the weather is doing." But that doesn't bother this energetic whirlwind. She smiles and says, "I'm such an optimist—be happy where you are."

Nor does it bother Frevert to be on call after her official 8 am to 5 pm office hours. Sure, people come to see her during the day when they are sick, but emergencies do not adhere to schedules. Frevert sometimes gets calls at night from worried Resident Hall Assistants. She has been called to the

students' rooms, and has even met people in the hospital emergency room, waiting with them until parents arrive.

"I try to keep students' needs in mind," she says, stressing that students are treated as adults, with complete and total confidentiality.

Which points to another reason Frevert likes her mole hole office—the tunnel provides privacy.

The location proves very convenient access for the students.

Because the residence halls are connected to the tunnel system, students can come down in their pajamas and slippers if they like.

Avila students requiring a doctor's assessment can be seen at Ward Parkway Health Services, a nearby office that staffs a "no appointment" clinic for busy students.

Although much of Frevert's job concerns wellness education, she has dealt with the darker side of medicine. She recalls the most life threatening situation she has dealt with on the Avila campus—a drug overdose.

"My day is full of variety," Frevert claims. "No two days are ever alike."



Nurse Carol heals the sick in the confines of the tunnel system of Avila College.

photo by Dave Sheller

Maybe not, but one thing that does not change is Frevert's contagious optimism. She excuses herself to meet a student in the hallway, and I hear a surprised male voice comment, "You sure are good with names."

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FEATURES

New Faculty Arrive at Avila

by Sheri Porter

The Talon introduces six new full-time faculty members for the 1996-97 academic year. These professionals have extensive academic credentials, but remember that teachers have outside lives and interests too.

Try your luck at matching the activities below with your faculty members. Then read on to see if your hunch hit the mark. No cheating!

Now the introductions and the answers:

Twila Brown Academic Info: Current position at Avila - Assistant Professor in Nursing; accepted into the doctoral program at Kansas University; B.S.N.,



William Jewell College; M.S.N., University of Oklahoma; faculty member in Pediatric Nursing at University of Southern California; Hospital Pediatrics at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Personal Scoop: Brown moved to Kansas City in July with her husband and two daughters. Her youngest is enrolled in Avila's Montessori pre-school, and the other attends kindergarten in Johnson County. Brown's husband joined a cardio-thoracic surgery group at St. Joseph Hospital, precipitating their move from Los Angeles. The couple recently purchased a home in Overland Park.

Interesting Tidbits: Having lived in Los Angeles, Brown

helped decorate floats for the Rose Bowl Parade. She returns to California in January, volunteering her time through a Lutheran Church program, to work again on float decorations for the 1997 Rose Bowl Parade.

When the family drove across the country to their new home in Kansas, passing motorists might have thought they were seeing double. Brown reports their caravan consisted of two cars, two kids, two dogs and two cats.

Brian Buckler Academic

Info: Current position at Avila - Assistant Professor in Business; B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in Marketing, Southwest Missouri State University; Ph.D., University of Texas; Assistant Instructor in the Department of Marketing; University of Texas.



Personal Scoop: Buckler, a native of the Kansas City area, feels like he has come home. Having grown up in Weston, Mo., he currently resides there with his parents while shopping for a place of his own. Buckler encourages an open door policy with his students, inviting them to his office for free advice on any marketing related problem. This includes how to market yourself.

Interesting Tidbits: Buckler's father worked for a major airline, enabling Brian to enjoy lifetime flight privileges. It should be no surprise, therefore, that he travels often. He recently flew to New York City to visit friends and saw the Tony winner *Rent* on Broad-

way. He loves the ocean, collects wooden masks, reads science fiction, and swears purple is his favorite color.

Laura Deatrick Academic

Info: Current position at Avila - Lecturer in Mathematics; B.A. in Chemistry, Hanover College, M.S. in Mathematics, Michigan State University; Mathematics Instructor, Michigan State University (in conjunction with graduate studies).

Personal Scoop: Laura and her husband Eric moved to Kansas City from Lansing, Mich. after she accepted the position at Avila. She mailed an unsolicited resume to Avila which arrived just as the teaching position opened up.

Interesting Tidbits: In 1988, Deatrick signed on for a three month stint with Campus Crusade for Christ in Branson, Mo. She liked the area so much she stayed an additional three months.

Deatrick may hold the record for the world's fastest move: Aug. 14, administer students' finals at Michigan State University; Aug. 15, pack and drive to Kansas City; Aug. 17, unpack; and Aug. 20, begin fall semester. Whew!

Reulan Levin Academic

Info: Current position at Avila - Assistant Professor in Education; B.A. in History and Political Science, Luther College; M.A. in Inter-



Cultural Studies, Governors State University; Education Specialist degree in Secondary School Administration, University of Missouri Kansas City; Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Kansas University. Teaching experience, 20 years, administrative experience, five years; Assistant Principal, Raytown South Middle School; adjunct faculty member, Avila.

Personal Scoop: Born and raised in Chicago, Reulan and her husband have lived in the Kansas City area for 13 years now. They have two college age children. Levin's father is of Indian heritage, the Quapaw tribe of the Cherokee Nation. Her name, Reulan, means 'mist of dew'.

Interesting Tidbits: Levin enjoys barrel racing at Lake of the Woods in Swope Park. She also studied opera for 11 years, performing publicly in Chicago.

Ben Meade Academic

Info: Current position at Avila - Lecturer and Manager of the production studio; B.S. in Mass Communication-Broadcast and Film, Central Missouri State University; M.L.A. in History, Baker University; completing Ph.D. in Film Study, University of Kansas; owned and operated financial services business for 19 years; news reporting and programming, KMBZ/KMBR in Kansas City. Adjunct for Avila, spring 1996.

Personal Scoop: Meade grew up in the Kansas City area. He and his wife Suzanne have a daughter in high school. In the process of a career change, Meade's goals are to teach and

to make a feature length film in the next two to three years.

Interesting Tidbits: Meade runs 50 miles a week training for marathons. He ran in the Boston Marathon and is training for the Cape Cod Marathon in October. He also volunteers two to three weeks a year building homes for low income families in Mexico. On the Board of Directors for 'Casas por Cristo' Meade recruits college students for these trips across the border. In his spare time, he plays the guitar and piano.

Sr. Irene Nieland Academic

Info: Current Avila position - Assistant Professor in Nursing, Medical and Surgical courses; B.S. in Biology, Viterbo College; B.S.N. University of Northern Colorado; M.S.N., University of Colorado; Associate Nursing program, Marshall Islands; teacher, baccalaureate nursing program Viterbo College; staff nurse, various United States hospitals.

Personal Scoop: Sister Irene calls Carroll, Iowa home, and she is glad to be back in the United States after a 12 year stint in the Marshall Islands. She interviewed at Avila and, as a part of the process, taught a class. She enjoyed the experience so much that she decided to stay on.

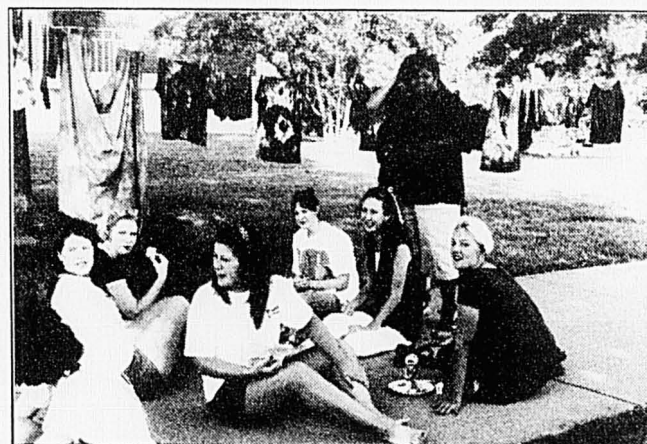
Interesting tidbits: While living in the Marshall Islands, Sister Irene took up snorkeling, (no scuba diving, thank you) and has quite a shell collection. In the landlocked Midwest, she limits her exercise to walking, and likes to strum the guitar.



The Big Test: What do you know about new Avila Faculty Members?

Test your knowledge of who's new at Avila College, and remember, this will affect you grade. Guess who...

- Decorates floats for the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, Calif.
- Worked for Campus Crusade for Christ in Branson, Mo.
- Enjoys traveling one weekend a month, and recently saw the Tony Award winner *Rent* on Broadway.
- Ran in the Boston Marathon on April 1, and will run in the Cape Cod Marathon in October.
- Enjoys barrel racing on horseback.
- Favorite recreation is snorkeling in the Marshall Islands.



Enjoying a waning evening, several Avila students finish their dinners during 'tye-dye day,' the All-Campus Opening Picnic in the Quad, an event sponsored by the Advancement and Alumni Organization. Students provided clothing while the organizations provided dyes as well as instruction for first time tye-dyers. Several social events have been planned for the remainder of the semester; for more information, check the bulletin board of the e-mail service or stroll through the Marian Center.

photo by Dave Sheller

Coming Soon...

by Kelly Turner

Theater

Rumors by Neil Simon runs Oct. 3 through 6 in Goppert Theatre. Call 942-8400 ext. 2419 for more information.

The Misanthrope by Moliere runs through Oct. 6 in the Helen F. Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts, 4949 Cherry. For tickets and performance times, call 235-2700.

Angels in America, Part Two, Perestroika, runs through Sept. 29 at the Unicorn Theatre. For reservations, call 531-PLAY, ext. 10.

Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan: Beyond the Miracle, runs Oct. 8 through Nov. 3 at the Coterie Theatre. Call 474-6552 for more information.

Music

The Borromeo String Quartet with Todd Palmer, clarinet will perform at 8 pm, Sept. 28 at the the Folly Theatre. For more information, call 561-9999.

The Kansas City Symphony will perform *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 (Choral)* at 8 pm Sept. 27 and 28, and at 2 pm Sept. 29 at the Lyric Theatre, 11th and Central. For more information, call 471-0400.

The Kansas City Symphony will perform the first of the six-concert Night Lights Concert Series at 8 pm Oct. 1 at the Music Hall.

The Kansas City Symphony will perform Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* at 8 pm Oct. 4 and 5, and 2 pm Oct. 6 at the Lyric Theatre.

PLAZA LIVE! Outdoor music series featuring various artists at outdoor locations throughout Club Plaza. 2 pm to 5 pm Sat. and Sun., 5 pm to 8 pm Thurs. through Sept. 29.

Stacy Smith, guest clarinet recital, 3 pm Oct. 13 in Goppert Theater.

Art

Studies in Light/New Works by Lisa Ann Sugimoto runs through Oct. 25 in the Thornhill Gallery, Whitfield Center. For more information, call George Chrisman at ext. 2259.

Irish Houses and Castles, a lecture by Desmond Guinness will be held at 6:30 pm Sept. 26 in the Atkins Auditorium, 4525 Oak Street. For more information, call 561-7154.

Rumors Abound in Goppert Theater

by Brian Stuckey

Theater has been an important method of artistic expression since the times of the Greeks, and through the ages, it has become anything but obsolete. On opening night, when the curtain rises and the lights go on, there is an exhilaration that passes through not only the performers, but also the audience.

Avila's Theater Program has been working hard to prepare for its first show of the 1996-97 season. Neil Simon's *Rumors* will open Thursday, Oct. 3.

The schedule is different than past Avila theater productions, in which shows would run for two weekends. The show will start at 8 pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 2 pm Sunday afternoon.

A special feature of this show is a dinner theater on Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for this are \$20.00, and include dinner, which will start at 6:30 pm, with the show following.

Dinner will include a choice of entrees, salad, side dishes, and dessert. Avila Theater Director Charlene Gould said, "It will be a real nice affair, with candles, linen tablecloths, the works."

Rumors is being directed by Samantha K. Wyer, who has been direct-

ing at Avila for two and a half years. Wyer said that rehearsals have been going very well.

"We thought it would be a good play to start off the season," said Wyer. "It's a farce where eight rather affluent people get into a situation that they don't know how to get out of, and it just goes from bad to worse as the night progresses. It's very funny, and very fast paced. It's one of the great comedies of contemporary theatre."

The play and dinner tie in with the weekend's homecoming activities.

"We picked the play especially for the homecoming crowd," said Gould. "It's a show that will appeal to all ages, but especially the students I think will enjoy it."

Freshman performer Melissa Villanueva said, "I'm very excited about performing as Cassie in *Rumors*. We have a very talented cast and crew that I have enjoyed working with."

"I absolutely love being in this play. It's my greatest theatrical experience thus far, working on a comedy," said sophomore Mike Kruse, who plays Glenn Cooper. "It's a lot of fun working with such a strong cast and director."

Freshman Chris 'G' Gerlt, who has been in

Rumors before, said, "Being in this play is like riding a roller coaster without seat belts, except there's no track and no cars. It's a non-stop laugh riot."

The assistant stage manager, freshman Brooke Lucas, is very excited about the play and her position. "It's hysterically funny, and anyone should come see it if they want a good time. It's pretty cool to see how things go on behind stage. I've never been on that side before."

Gould is very excited about starting off the season with this show. She said, "I'd like to encourage the students to come out and see the show, because it is a fun show. It's real farcical."

Rumors, like all of Avila's productions, is free to all students.

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Chris Gorman	Laurie Costanza
Ken Gorman	Chris Holler
Claire Ganz	Sayra Player
Lenny Ganz	Terry Erbe
Ernie Cusack	Greg Weber
Cookie Cusack	Pat Kaepfen
Glenn Cooper	Mike Kruse
Cassie Cooper	Melissa Villanueva
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SPORTS

Sporting My Mind

by Monica Bullock

Most people believe that they are an expert at something; whether it is how to cook a juicy



steak or how to blow the biggest bubble. However, sports fans feel they are an "expert" on what-

ever sport they happen to be watching. From a bad call to a positive move by an athlete, every "expert" has his or her opinion and can never be wrong.

While watching the Chiefs play the Broncos last Sunday, I was astounded by all the expert reasons developed to explain a particular play. Most of the fans were either disagreeing with what the announcer was saying or appeared to know exactly why a certain play was called.

I laughed hysterically at the supposedly wise and qualified commentary. "Why did he throw that ball to where he did? Didn't he see that player that was wide open in the middle?"

Well frankly folks, I didn't see that so-called expert taking the snap from the center. Playing sports is a lot harder than it appears on television. The same goes for those people who have to make the game run smoothly.

Unfortunately umpires or referees do make bad calls often. However, most of the fans do not realize that these individuals have to make split second decisions without the comfort of having the instant replay.

I know, as an umpire for softball, that whenever someone gets on my back for a certain call, not a lot of calls will go in favor of that team for the rest of the game. So, hounding these people is not really the best thing to do. If you have that same umpire or referee later on in the year, beware, because he or she will remember.

Really people, GET OVER IT! One call is not going to make you an expert on the game. So unless you can take criticism from other people, keep your opinions to yourself.

Men's soccer starts off strong

by Ben Henry

The Avila College men's soccer team has opened the season with a bang, strutting out of the gate to an early 5-1-1 record through their first seven games.

Dylan Aiman, in his second season as head coach of the Eagles, looks to improve on a team that finished 10-8 in the regular season last year; a team that made it to the postseason but lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to conference rival Bartlesville Wesleyan College (Oklahoma) in the first round.

The Eagles returned to Bartlesville on Saturday for their first conference game of the year, seeking to avenge that loss. They drew first blood when Robbie Davies scored 30 minutes into the game, temporarily silencing a hostile crowd. Bartlesville responded with a goal of their own late in the first half, tying the score at halftime.

Ryan O'Leary, a freshman midfielder from St. Louis, scored the decisive goal 70 minutes into the game, giving the Eagles a 2-1 lead. But, it was not until the final whistle that Avila secured the victory, and, perhaps, a bit of redemption.

"I think there was a lack of respect for each other at the beginning of the season," said Iestyn Penrose, who assisted on both of the Eagles' goals. "But this win has really brought us together and has increased the morale of this team."



Bobby Lawson leaves his feet to head the ball out of the defensive zone.

photo by Steve Tucker

Although the Eagles have yet to play to their full potential, according to Aiman, he is happy with the victory.

"The guys rose to the occasion," said Aiman. "It was a physical game played in front of some tough fans, but the guys got the job done."

The Eagles next game will be at home this Saturday against Culver Stockton. They will then turn their attention to Bellevue on Sunday, also a home game.

"We're not playing at our best right now," said Davies, "but we are winning games. And that's what counts."

Avila College 1996-97 Men's Soccer Roster			
No.	Name	Year	Pos.
00	William Campbell	SO	GK
00	Matthew Farrell	FR	GK
01	Michael Derting	FR	GK
02	Raymond Nastase	SO	FOR
03	Rodney Day	JR	DEF
05	Michael Muller	FR	FOR
06	H.L. Dunsworth II	JR	DEF
07	Ryan O'Leary	FR	MID
08	Kent McDonald	SO	DEF
09	Robert Davies	SO	FOR
10	Thomas Kovach, Jr.	SO	MID
11	Iestyn Penrose	SO	DEF
12	James Rowlett	SR	FOR
13	Marco Hernandez	SR	DEF
14	Dustin Maupin	FR	MID
15	Jurgen Hildenbrand	SR	MID
16	Shawn Wallace	FR	MID
18	Chris Harmon	SR	MID
21	Ian Valentine	JR	FOR
22	Robert Lawson	FR	MID

Avila College 1996-97 Women's Soccer Roster			
No.	Name	Year	Pos.
00	Beth Hachegechog	SO	GK
01	Danielle Hoover	SR	FOR
02	Amy Pokorney	JR	FOR
03	Anna-Lisa Criswell	JR	DEF
04	Kyli Harmon	SO	DEF
05	Marian Wright	JR	FOR
07	Andrea Kidwell	JR	DEF
08	Corey Brown	SO	MID
09	Kelly Unscheid	FR	MID
10	Shellie Robinson	FR	DEF
11	Jamie Bishop	SO	MID
12	Shonette Micco	SR	MID
13	Hayley Brown	FR	MID
14	Jennifer Romero	FR	MID
15	Maria Cannova	FR	MID
16	Mary Quarando	FR	FOR
19	Jamie Johnson	FR	DEF
20	Anna Stogsdill	FR	MID
21	Rachel Garrison	FR	DEF

Lady Eagles soar into new season

by Ben Henry

With first year head coach Alex Aiman and a supporting cast of eight freshman players, the Avila College women's soccer team has started their season with a fresh, new look.

Following a disappointing '95 campaign, a year in which the Eagles struggled through for a final mark of 4-11-3, the women have laced on the cleats again this fall with fire in their eyes.

After dropping their first game of the season, a 3-1 home loss to Bellevue, the Eagles have

bounced back to win four of their last five. With a record of 4-2 through six games, this year's team has already equaled the victory total of last season.

"This season has been a complete turnaround," said Corey Brown, a sophomore midfielder who remembers, all too well, her freshman year. "This is due to the fact that this year we have actually been playing like a team."

After their opening loss, the Eagles won their next three games behind three consecutive shutouts by goalkeeper Beth Hachegechog.

"Although I would like to take all the credit," said Hachegechog of her shutouts, "it is really due to our incredible defense."

The Eagles worst loss of the season broke the string of shutouts when they were blanked 6-0 by Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. They returned to their winning ways with a 2-1 road victory over Sterling College on Saturday.

"I think this team has improved for several reasons," said Hachegechog. "One, the coaching staff. Secondly, the freshmen have been an asset to our team; and three, the returning players have displayed leadership."

The Eagles game last Monday, against rival Rockhurst College, was postponed due to weather.



Number 3, Anna-Lisa Criswell, tries to prevent a Bellevue player from clearing the ball.

photo by Steve Tucker

Despite losses, team still remains positive

by Monica Bullock

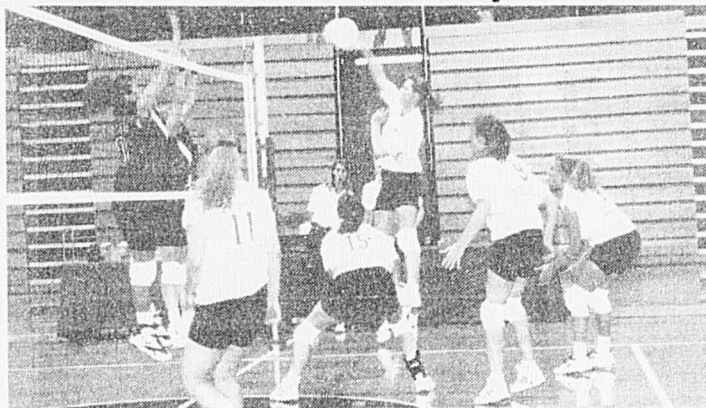
Most teams would be disappointed with a 1-15 start to the season, but not the Women's Volleyball team. With their first win, over St. Mary College in the Kansas Newman Quad, Head Coach Jason Smith is still positive about the rest of the season.

"At first it was hard to be positive, but now the team is realizing that it is not going to be like this the rest of the season," said Smith.

This year the team consists of five new starters and two seniors.

"Everyone is starting to learn from each other," said Smith. "The rest of the coaching staff is learning each of the players, and the players are starting to learn from each other."

With a team that has a lot of new faces this year, one player that has impressed Smith is sopho-



Michelle Meyer, senior, tried to gain a point by spiking against Kansas Newman.

photo by Dave Sheller

more Mary VonBohland.

"Mary has made a big improvement over the last week or so," said Smith. "She is understanding what she needs to do, and is working well with myself and the rest of the coaching staff."

Smith says that the team has a good work ethic, and is not making excuses for the 1-15 record but trying to find ways to improve that record.

"The team is realizing that when they walk onto a court it is not an

automatic win in the column," Smith continued.

"But they are willing to work with each other as a team to win those games."

The next home match the women will be playing is Oct. 1 at 6 pm against Bartlesville Wesleyan College at the fieldhouse.

With a positive outlook to the rest of the season, and still a long way to go, there is no place for the Women's Volleyball team to go but up.

Scoreboard

Volleyball

Opponent	Win/Loss
Bellevue Quad	
Bellevue	L 0-3
Grandview	L 2-3
Dana	L 0-3
College of the Ozarks Tourney	
Ouachita	L 0-2
Lambuth	L 1-2
William Woods	L 0-2
McKendree	L 0-2
John Brown	L 0-2
St. Mary's College Tourney	
St. Mary	L 0-2
College of St. Mary	L 0-2
Park	L 0-2
Kansas Newman	L 1-2
Rockhurst	L 0-2
Bellevue University	L 0-3
Kansas Newman Quad	
St. Mary	W 2-0
York	L 0-2
Kansas Newman	L 0-2

Men's Soccer

Opponent	Win/Loss
Harris-Stowe	T 2-2
Concordia	W 2-1
Lindenwood	L 0-4
William Jewell	W 2-1
Ottawa	W 3-0
Sterling	W 3-1
Bartlesville	W 2-1

Women's Soccer

Opponent	Win/Loss
Bellevue	L 1-3
William Jewell	W 4-0
Ottawa	W 3-0
Harris-Stowe	W 1-0
Drury	L 0-6
Sterling	W 2-1

Avila College 1996-97 Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	No.	Name	Year	Pos.
01	Alycia Bell	FR	DS/S	09	Kayleen Marsh	JR	MB
02	Tara Gustafson	FR	DS	10	Mary VonBohland	SO	S/DS
03	Christi Jones	FR	DS	11	Tracy Fox	FR	SW/LS
05	Jennifer Lujin	SO	MB/LS	12	Sandy Samborsky	JR	S/LS
06	Debra Hodges	SO	LS	13	Jamie Thompson	FR	LS/SW
07	Megan Hulett	JR	SW	14	Michelle Meyer	SR	MB
08	Leah Gale	SR	LS/SW	15	Monica Barnes	FR	MB

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OPINIONS

From the desk of
Monica Haugsness:



Quality is rated job #1

Welcome to the first full edition of *The Talon*! The process of creating Avila College's newspaper has been fulfilling, with the occasional challenging moments.

One really exciting aspect of this year's *Talon* is the expanding staff. There has been a tremendous influx of interest resulting in a top notch group of writers, photographers, production/layout, and a cartoonist. While the degrees of experience vary, the desire to learn is overwhelming. Combined with returning editorial board members, our staff is equipped with the ability to create a quality publication.

Quality is our goal. We desire to achieve technical quality in regards to layout, style and overall appealing presentation. Excellent content is another goal.

It is our hope that you will find the content

of each and every issue pleasing. Though it becomes difficult to please everyone, campus wide coverage is a top

priority.

This is where, you our readers, come in handy.

If your department or organization has a newsworthy event coming up, or perhaps simply an announcement you would like to include in the paper, let us know.

We hope, our added efforts to contact campus departments and organizations will assist this process.

Your involvement with *The Talon* does not have to end with simply aiding campus wide coverage. If you glance at the top of the page you will find the heading, "Opinions."

This heading needs no explanation, because whether we are boisterous or not, we each have an opinion. Similar to other newspapers, the

Opinions page will include regular columns, such as the one you are reading right now.

While Katie and I can babble with the best and could probably fill an entire page, two columns and two opinions does not an Opinions page make.

As editor, I would like to extend an invitation to all students, faculty and staff to submit your opinions to *The Talon*. Your opinions do not have to deal with *The Talon* or Avila College to be appropriate for submission or publication. Perhaps there is a society issue that has you fired up or maybe you have witnessed acts of kindness that you believe deserve recognition.

Regardless of the topic, everyone's opinion counts. Granted, by submitting a letter to *The Talon* you will not be altering the course of the world, but you might open people's mind to a logic they may have overlooked.

Q & A Campus Talk by Dave Sheller

What is the statue in the middle of the quad outside Marian Center?

Sandee Seefers, Junior,
Radiologic Technology

"I think it is [an] 'arrow of light' [it] probably was an Indian symbol or something. Maybe we were built on a historical landmark or something. Arrow of God probably means that Avila is supposed to join together and follow the path of God."

Michaela Werp, Sophomore,
Undecided

"I think we're supposed to sacrifice professors under it and our prayers for A's go right to God."

Rod Watonsi, Sophomore, Computer Science/Mathematics



"I think it's a symbol that represents the rising of Jesus. Every time you look at that you always get to look up at the sky."

Mike Nesmith, Sophomore,
Undecided

"A long time ago, the Sisters of Avila College sat around in a circle and told stories about Jesus and his followers, so someone thought it would be a great idea to make a monument to show the way to heaven, as the Sisters thought was the way."

Rob Fisher, Student Affairs
"The Arrow to God, which symbols our connection to God and our hopes to ascend to heaven."

Tracy Orf, Senior,
Business



"Hollow, wooden, Christmas tree."

Brain M. Vervynck, Junior,
Accounting
"No Clue."

Katie Seibolt, Senior,
Special Education
"The way to heaven."

Matt Clayton, Freshman,
Undecided

"It's an inner piece of something that..."

Brandon Clevenger, Freshman, Undecided
"It's an oversized broad-head of an arrow."

Linda Davis, Junior, Psychology
"It's a good luck charm, and if you rub it you will pass all of your classes for the semester."



Visiting the yesteryears

Howard, a softball coach of mine in high school, had the habit of handing out pieces of paper with inspirational sayings before every game. We would discuss the quotation, how it applied to the game of the day and then proceed to beat the pants off the other team.

Most of the time I would smile and think that he was a little eccentric, but later, after the dust of summer softball left my cleats, I



Res Ipsa Loquitor- It speaks for itself

"When we are given a challenge in the Game of Life, the test is not on the situation but on our own characters."

Katie Wilkerson

realized Howard was probably the best coach that I had ever had.

I have never let go of any of the quotation that he gave us. Howard, in a lot of ways, coached us more in "The Game of Life" than in softball.

He taught us to play the game by the rules, never complain if the umpire made a bad call because what goes around comes around. And most importantly, respect yourself and others on the team. Howard was never receptive to kiss ups or complainers, but he always had an ear for those who needed him. These are things that make all the difference in "Real Life."

One quotation of his that is still on my wall today is, "Adversity

causes some people to break, others to break records." Howard was a big believer in this philosophy.

When a game became really stressful, and the pressure was on to perform your best, Howard was the first to point out your mistakes, but he was also your biggest fan.

By Howard's example, I learned to keep going even when it is hard, never settle for something less than my best, to be receptive to other people's ideas and opinions, and to respect those around me even if they were doing something with which I totally disagreed.

The things that Howard taught me are armor against adversity. When put into a difficult situation, even today, I am reminded that I am undefeatable as long as I allow myself to remain that way, and that I am meant to break records in life.

Adversity in life is something that is unavoidable for human beings. When we are given a challenge in "The Game of Life," the test is not on the situation, but on our own character.

Howard once said that games (life experiences) come and go, and we are only left with ourselves and the past. If every experience is connected to another, then the challenge of our actuality is to learn from the past, grow, expand, and not to be broken when times are tough.

While on Howard's team, we won almost all of our games, came in first in our division and first in our tournament, but I really don't think there was a girl on Howard Helm's team during the summer of 1995 that would remember the trophies we won. But when we are all old and gray, we will remember what he taught us about life, good sportsmanship, adversity, and most importantly, ourselves. Res Ipsa Loquitor.